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25X1A* [REDACTED] Comment. For carbon copy and translation of this directive see Annex. In this directive, Innerdeutscher Handel (internal German trade) is a euphemistic term for trade between the Soviet Zone and the Western Zones of Germany. Sections II and IV of this directive are noteworthy in that they provide for the absolute stability of prices and for the gradual replacement of relates by a uniform factory price. The measure, by putting all customers on a par, will eliminate the preferential treatment customarily given to the finishing processing industries and to the wholesale trade. The tendency to adjust to the commercial principles of the Soviet economy is obvious. The price arrangement initiated by this order will in future also make price subsidies unnecessary. As world market prices have increased considerably the compulsory quotation and price stabilization order presumably aims at making competition possible without granting price discounts or export subsidies.

1 Annex: Copy and translation of a Soviet Home Ministry directive.

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